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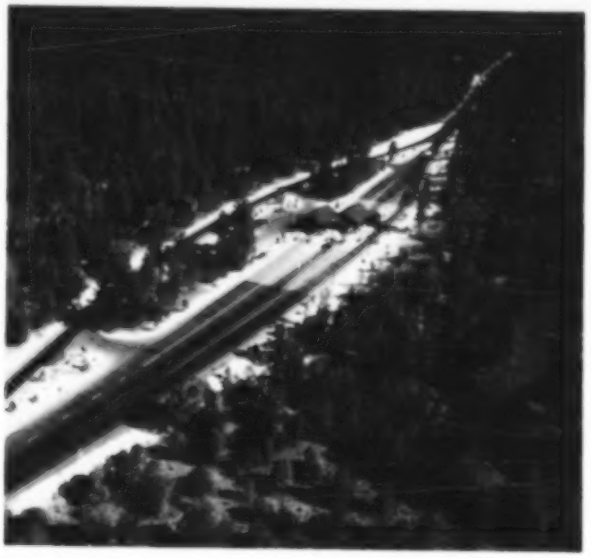
Grand Canyon National Park

Arizona

The Project
Design an entrance station facility to serve as the "front door" to a park of world significance, incorporating a main station with office space, two satellite stations, protective canopies, and a new park entrance sign with a parking area.

The Site
The south entrance is the busiest entrance to the park. The site is located ½ mile north of the park boundary near Tusayan. The natural setting is a semiarid desert plateau approximately 6,800 feet above sea level. The highway between the entrance station and the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, a distance of about 5 miles, traverses gently rolling terrain vegetated with a coniferous forest canopy.

The Design
The design is intended to present a welcoming image in harmony with the surrounding natural landscape and with the historic park architecture. The traffic lanes are separated by wide vegetated islands. Wood and native stone are used throughout the structure. The canopies and booths are firmly tied to the ground with heavy stone piers and planters. Pairs of round wood poles "grow" out of the stonework to support the heavy timber trusses, beams, brackets, and wood roof deck. The varying roof and stonework heights evoke the geologic layers of the canyon.



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